

## COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR POLYNUCLEOTIDE DETECTION

### ABSTRACT

5 The present invention relates to compositions comprising probes for the detection of a target polynucleotide, and methods for detecting the amount of a target polynucleotide using the subject composition. In particular, the subject method involves the use of both target-hybridizing probes and non-target-hybridizing probes, where the probes generate a detectable signal (e.g., detectable by FRET) for the target polynucleotide detection.